

THE HONORABLE DAN NOBLE

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to memorialize the Honorable Dan Noble of Norwood, Colorado, who passed away on November 12, 2002. Dan Noble was an exceptional man who spent his life serving his community and his nation.

Dan was an Army veteran and served as a staff sergeant in a motor battalion in Korea from 1950 to 1952. When he returned from the military he married his wife, Donna, and attended the University of Colorado School of Banking from 1960 to 1962. He became the President and the Director of the San Miguel Basin State Bank in Norwood.

In 1970, Dan was appointed to fill a one-year vacancy in the Colorado State Senate. He continued to faithfully serve his constituents for a total of 17 years. He served seven of these years as the Majority Leader. Senator Noble was respected by all of his peers and his commitment to the people of Colorado is a great example for all who serve in the Colorado General Assembly.

Dan died of cancer at the age of 73, leaving behind his five children: Douglas Noble, Danette Christiansen, Darin Noble, DruAnn Nemecek, and Darcy Croteau.

Dan Noble was truly a great man. It is with sadness that I inform the House of the loss of such an exceptional American. I ask the House to join me in extending its sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. Noble.

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL JOHN N. ABRAMS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that a long and exceptionally distinguished career has come to an end. General John N. Abrams' 36 years of service to the nation has been marked by meritorious service in increasingly demanding command and staff positions, culminating as Commanding General, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), Fort Monroe, Virginia. Throughout, General Abrams demonstrated strong and inspiring leadership, unsurpassed executive ability, and an untiring dedication to the spirit and mission of the United States Army.

General Abrams was commissioned through Officer Candidate School at Fort Knox, Kentucky, on February 3, 1967, after enlisting in the United States Army on February 17, 1966. He is a graduate of Bowling Green State University in Ohio with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Shippensburg State University of Pennsylvania with a Masters of Science in Public Administration. He is also a 1986 graduate of the Army War College.

General Abrams has served in command and staff positions over the last thirty-five years. He is a combat veteran of Vietnam from August 1967 to July 1969 where he

served as an armored cavalry platoon leader and armored cavalry troop commander with the 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry, which deployed from the 2d Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas. He commanded the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Fulda, Germany, from 1988 to 1990; the 2d Infantry Division, Uijongbu, Korea, from 1993 to 1995; and V Corps, Heidelberg, Germany, from 1995 to 1997. Prior to assuming command of TRADOC, he was the TRADOC Deputy Commanding General from August 1997 to September 1998.

His service includes staff assignments as Chief of Staff of the 3rd Armored Division in Germany; Military Science Instructor at the United States Military Academy at West Point; Army Staff Officer in War Plans and Deputy Director of Operations Directorate in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff of Operations and Plans.

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star with three oak leaf clusters and Valor device, and the Purple Heart. He has also received the Knight Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Throughout his career, General Abrams has made significant contributions at every level assigned. In his final assignment, he brought to bear the accumulated experience and dedication of a career spent serving the nation and our soldiers. He has provided continuity for the Profession of Arms—integrity, loyalty, dedication, mentorship, vision, and the willingness to take and stand behind the risks associated with implementing change in the Army. General Abrams' distinguished performance of duty will have far-reaching impacts on the future of the Army. I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing General Abrams all the best.

H.R. 1070: THE GREAT LAKES LEGACY ACT

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, the magnitude of the Great Lakes water system is difficult to appreciate, even for those who live within the basin. As the world's largest body of fresh water, the Great Lakes are sensitive to the effects of a wide range of pollutants. The sources of pollution include runoff from farm chemicals, waste from cities, and discharges from industrial areas and waste disposal sites. The large surface area of the lakes makes them vulnerable to direct atmospheric pollutants of all kinds, such as mercury.

H.R. 1070 amends the Clean Water Act to authorize \$50 million a year for fiscal years 2004 through 2008 for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to carry out remediation projects in Areas of Concern (AOCs) surrounding the Great Lakes to monitor or evaluate contaminated sediment, remediate contaminated sediment, or prevent further or renewed contamination of sediment.

Contamination of the Great Lakes is an issue that directly affects my district. The city of Waukegan in my district was home to what

many have called the worst PCB (polychlorinated biphenyls) contaminated site in the U.S. Waukegan lies fifty miles north of Chicago directly on the shore of Lake Michigan. Waukegan Harbor was designated in the 1980's an Area of Concern (AOC) by the International Joint Commission on the Great Lakes, the United States EPA and the Illinois EPA.

The contamination of Waukegan Harbor took place over a 13-year period from 1959 to 1973. The U.S. EPA approximated that during that time 300,000 pounds of PCBs were discharged directly into the water of Lake Michigan and an additional 700,000 were discharged on the property by the Outboard Marine Corporation. An average 9–10 pounds of PCBs were discharged into Lake Michigan daily.

The cleanup of Waukegan Harbor has been successful thus far removing approximately 500 tons of PCB contaminated sediment from Waukegan Harbor. However, more corrective action is necessary before the harbor can be de-listed as an AOC. Passage of H.R. 1070 will go a long way in continuing the movement to de-list Waukegan Harbor and clean the remaining Great Lake AOCs.

I applaud the Congress for taking this important step addressing contaminated sediments in the Great Lakes basin. The time has come to protect the Great Lakes from the other dangers, such as mercury pollution and invasive species. Earlier this session I introduced H.R. 5261, the Great Lakes Mercury Reduction Act, which will prohibit the issuance of new permits under the Clean Air Act that would result in the deposition of any additional mercury into the Great Lakes.

Congress must also adopt a comprehensive plan to stop the introduction of alien species into the region. H.R. 5396 and 5397 seek to reauthorize the National Aquatic Invasive Species Act to address existing loopholes in our laws and authorize much needed funding to upgrade the fight against aquatic invasive species, along with expanding the Aquatic Nuisance Species Dispersal Barrier on the Chicago Ship and Sanitary Canal.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment and thank Mr. EHLERS for his tireless work on H.R. 1070. His work on this legislation, and other Great Lakes issues, has been remarkable. I would also like to thank the groups involved in the Waukegan Harbor cleanup effort, including the U.S. EPA, the Illinois EPA, and the Waukegan Harbor Citizens Advisory Group. Hopefully, the passage of H.R. 1070 will enable our community to celebrate the de-listing of Waukegan Harbor.

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HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call my colleagues' attention to a milestone that was recently observed in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. On September 21, the Afro-American Music Institute celebrated its 20th anniversary.

The Afro-American Music Institute was established in 1982 by ethnomusicologist Dr.